

HONORING PAUL SMITH'S COLLEGE ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Paul Smith's College.

Paul Smith's College received its first class in 1946 on the grounds of the former Paul Smith's Hotel, the Adirondacks' first wilderness resort. Since then, Paul Smith's College has graduated thousands of students from around the nation. Over the past 75 years, the college has expanded to include unique degree programs ranging from the natural sciences, to forestry, to culinary arts. Paul Smith's degree programs offer students a wide variety of opportunities to prepare for their future career. The faculty and staff are dedicated to the success of their students, with 90 percent finding employment or enrolling in graduate school within 6 months of graduating. Of the approximately 750 students, 46 percent the first in their family to go to college. These numbers speak to the impact that the college has had in the lives of students and the community.

Paul Smith's College has been a vital resource to the North Country and continues to serve the region well as it has the past 75 years. On behalf of New York's 21st district, I would like to congratulate the students, faculty, staff, and leadership team at Paul Smith's College on reaching this milestone. I look forward to their continued success.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL PHILLIP JAMES DEVRIES II FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Phillip James DeVries II for his three decades of service in the United

States Army. Through his exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion, LTC DeVries has helped to strengthen our foreign diplomatic relations and ensure the safety and security of his fellow Americans.

LTC DeVries started his military career 32 years ago at West Point Military Academy, where he was awarded the rank of second lieutenant field artillery officer. Given his comprehensive military and strategic background, he also became a strategic plans and policies officer helping to modernize the U.S. military and better assist his fellow soldiers in the field. While in the Army, he served in numerous countries across the world and deployed four times to Afghanistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In addition, DeVries recognized the importance of international diplomacy and relations during his service, which is why he constantly worked to strengthen alliances in the surrounding communities. In pursuit of this, he attended the NATO Defense College in Rome and was involved in many projects across 22 different countries with hundreds of international officers. Phillip's longtime devotion to our country is commendable, and the impact of his work on his fellow servicemembers and the people of the United States cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Phillip James DeVries II for his decades of service to the United States Army and his leadership that will inspire future generations. On behalf of my constituents, I wish LTC DeVries all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE HONORING THE WORK OF
RAYNA LEHMAN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary work of Rayna Lehman, a champion of women and labor and a true patriot, who is retiring after serving with great distinction and effectiveness for 39 years as the community services director of the San Mateo County Labor Council. She will receive the well-deserved honor of the Cope Unity

Award at the 41st Annual Cope Banquet to be held at the Hyatt Regency at San Francisco International Airport on August 13, 2021.

Rayna was born in the Bronx, New York, to a working-class family. She was educated in public schools and was a day camp counselor, a salesperson, and a TSP telephone operator, before she came to California in 1970.

The list of glass ceilings Rayna has broken began with the San Mateo County Union Community Alliance, and the list of the positions she has held that never had been held by a woman before is a long one. The honors she has earned include the San Mateo Labor Council Unity Award; PALCARE Outstanding Service Award; McCowan Takalo Anti-Hunger Advocacy Award; APALA Community Services Leadership Award; the UC Berkeley Labor Center Helping Hands Award; Menlo Park Hometown Hero; Senate District 13 2021 Woman of the Year; the Hispanic Chamber Community Leader Award; and many more.

She participated in the creation of PALCARE, was appointed to the San Mateo County Childcare Partnership Council, and represented Labor on the inaugural First Five Community Steering Committee. She created Health@Work and helped create the Community Health Reform Advisory Committee to introduce the Affordable Care Act to San Mateo County.

As the community services director of the San Mateo County Central Labor Council, Rayna created the Union Hardship Fund, trained union counselors to assist local union members, and coordinated a partnership with Second Harvest Silicon Valley Food Bank to provide twice monthly food distributions that help more than 800 families. She's a member of Office and Professional Employees Local 29 and served as president of Painters Local 15 for nine years.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in thanking Rayna Lehman for her extraordinary work and in congratulating her on being honored for her exceptional leadership as San Mateo County Central Labor Council's community services director. The blessings of her work have touched thousands of families, and we are a better, stronger county and country because of her.